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This report dealing with the anti-aircraft defenses of Ching-yang Airfield (24°48'N - 118°35'E) has been compiled from vertical aerial photography of [REDACTED]. The anti-aircraft defenses were last reported in GP/I - 122 of 30 August. At that time the defenses consisted of sixteen heavy AA guns in four gun batteries, thirty-two medium AA guns and approximately thirty light AA machine guns. No significant change in AA defenses had been noted on aerial photography up to [REDACTED]

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However, it is now apparent that each four gun battery of heavy AA has been replaced by an eight gun heavy AA battery. Two and probably four additional heavy AA eight gun batteries have been added to the AA defenses of the airfield. A whiff radar is associated with five, and probably with all of the heavy AA batteries.

PHOTO COVERAGE OF [REDACTED]

Aerial coverage of three of the four original heavy AA gun batteries indicated for the first time that the replacement of the four gun heavy AA batteries by eight gun batteries was in progress.

PHOTO COVERAGE OF [REDACTED]

Photo coverage of this date revealed that all four of the original four gun heavy AA batteries were in the process of being replaced by eight gun batteries. Four to eight new revetments had been constructed in each battery area. There were eight heavy AA guns in revetments in two of the heavy batteries, ten in another and eleven in the fourth. The additional guns for a total of twelve in each battery were in the open. The total

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number of heavy AA guns noted on this coverage was fifty eight.

PHOTO COVERAGE OF [REDACTED]

There are eight heavy AA guns in each of the four original heavy AA batteries. Two additional eight gun heavy AA batteries have been located; one battery is 9,500' southwest of the south end of the runway and the other is immediately west of T'ang-Shih two miles southeast of the airfield. This makes a total of 48 heavy AA guns definitely located. In addition, a study of small scale photography (1/60,000) reveals a probable eight gun heavy AA battery approximately two miles east of the airfield and another the same distance to the west of the airfield. Including these two probable batteries, there are 64 heavy AA guns in the vicinity of Ching-yang Airfield.

A whiff radar is associated with five and probably with all of the heavy AA batteries.

There are eight four gun batteries of medium AA at Ching-yang Airfield. The replacement of heavy AA guns was accompanied by some shifting of medium AA; however, the total number of guns remained the same.

Thirty AA machine guns have been identified at Ching-yang Airfield.

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